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In the Specification

Please substitute the following paragraphs for the corresponding paragraphs being amended:

[0022] As shown in Figure 1, the lash 18 is preferably so sized or so dimensioned for being stretched from the rod distal end 12b to adjacent the rod proximal end 12a so that release of the lash distal end 18b spontaneously contracts or [{"fires"}] "fires" the lash 18 for swatting or whipping the lash distal end 18b against the insect 16.

[0030] The latch 20 may simply be in the form of a straight, smooth bar having an enlarged proximal end 20a through which extends a latch pin 22a for pivotally joining the latch 20 to the handgrip 14 adjacent to the rod [{"5"}] proximal end 12a for releasably latching the lash distal end 18b thereto. The latch 20 is joined to the top of the handgrip 14 in a suitable cavity therein.